

1 IN THE CLAIMS

2 Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 36 through 46, claims 48 through 57, and claims
3 59 through 69.

4 Please add claims 93 through 103.

5 Claims 24-34 and 71-103 are pending.

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7 24. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

8 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
9 system;

10 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

11 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

12 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
13 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

14 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
15 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
16 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

17 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and

18 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein

19 the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first

20 progressive jackpot.
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1 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein increasing the first progressive
2 jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the
3 wager, and
4 wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second
5 progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger
6 than the first percentage.
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8 26. (Previously Presented) A gaming method further comprising:
9 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
10 system;
11 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
12 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
13 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
14 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;
15 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
16 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
17 amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
18 paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random
19 gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second
20 wager amount.
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1 27. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
2 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
3 system;
4 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
5 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
6 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
7 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;
8 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
9 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
10 amount being larger than the first wager amount;
11 resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after
12 paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second
13 predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and
14 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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16 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the second predetermined reset
17 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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19 29. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
20 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
21 system;
22 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

1 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
2 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
3 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;
4 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
5 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
6 amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
7 the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

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9 30. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

10 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
11 system;
12 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
13 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
14 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
15 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and
16 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
17 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
18 amount being larger than the first wager;
19 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;
20 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
21 machines; and

1 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
2 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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4 31. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
5 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
6 system;
7 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
8 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
9 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
10 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and
11 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
12 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
13 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

14 wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

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16 32. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
17 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
18 system;
19 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
20 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
21 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
22 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

1 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
2 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
3 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4 wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the
5 wager.

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7 33. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

8 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
9 system;

10 receiving a wager in the gaming system;

11 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

12 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
13 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

14 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
15 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
16 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

17 wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a
18 number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

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20 34. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

21 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
22 system;

1 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
2 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;
3 paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive
4 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and
5 paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning
6 progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
7 amount being larger than the first wager amount;
8 wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a
9 number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

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11 35. through 70. (Cancelled)

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13 71. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:
14 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
15 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
16 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;
17 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;
18 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
19 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
20 wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
2 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

4 wherein in response to the detector receiving the wager, the gaming system increases the
5 first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase in the second
6 progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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8 72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 71, wherein the gaming system increases the
9 first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system
10 increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second
11 percentage being larger than the first percentage.

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13 73. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

14 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

15 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
16 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

17 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

18 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
19 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
20 wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
2 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

4 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive
5 jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is
6 at least the second wager amount.

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8 74. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

9 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

10 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
11 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

12 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

13 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
14 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
15 wager amount;

16 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
17 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
18 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

19 wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined
20 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot
21 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

22 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

1 75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset
2 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.
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4 76. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:
5 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
6 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
7 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;
8 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;
9 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
10 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
11 wager amount;
12 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
13 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
14 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
15 wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.
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17 77. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:
18 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
19 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
20 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;
21 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
2 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
3 wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
5 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
6 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

7 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

8 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
9 machines; and

10 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
11 received by any unique linked gaming machine.
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13 78. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

14 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

15 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
16 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

17 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

18 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
19 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
20 wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
2 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
4 wherein the wager activates a single play line for [[a]] the gaming machine receiving the
5 wager.

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7 79. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

8 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
9 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
10 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

11 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

12 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
13 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
14 wager amount;

15 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
16 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
17 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

18 wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for [[a]] the gaming machine
19 receiving the wager.

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21 80. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

22 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

1 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
2 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;
3 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;
4 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
5 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
6 wager amount;
7 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
8 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
9 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
10 wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a
11 number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

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13 81. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

14 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
15 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
16 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;
17 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;
18 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result
19 is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first
20 wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming
2 result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and
4 wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a
5 number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

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7 82. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

8 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
9 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
10 jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

11 wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result; and

12 wherein the gaming system pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the
13 second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.

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15 83. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector
16 receiving a wager, the gaming system increases ~~[[a]]~~ the first progressive jackpot and increases
17 ~~[[a]]~~ the second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is
18 larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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20 84. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system increases the
21 first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system

1 increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second
2 percentage being larger than the first percentage.
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4 85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

5 wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined
6 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot
7 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and
8 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.
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10 86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset
11 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.
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13 87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a
14 single gaming machine.
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16 88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

17 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;
18 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
19 machines; and
20 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
21 received by any unique linked gaming machine.
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1 89. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector
2 activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.
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4 90. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector
5 activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.
6

7 91. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of play lines activated
8 by a second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by a first wager
9 amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.
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11 92. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of play lines activated
12 by a second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount,
13 the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.
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15 93. (New) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
16 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
17 system;
18 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
19 providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and
20 paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot
21 if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.
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1 94. (New) The gaming method of claim 93 further comprising the steps of:

2 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and

3 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the
4 increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive
5 jackpot.

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7 95. (New) The gaming method of claim 94, wherein increasing the first progressive jackpot

8 comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein

9 increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second progressive jackpot by

10 a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

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12 96. (New) The gaming method of claim 93, further comprising resetting the first progressive

13 jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and

14 resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the

15 second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are

16 larger than zero.

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18 97. (New) The method of claim 96, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger

19 than the first predetermined reset amount.

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21 98. (New) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the gaming system comprises a single

22 gaming machine.

1 99. (New) The gaming method of claim 93 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality
2 of linked gaming machines;

3 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
4 machines; and

5 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
6 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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8 100. (New) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the wager activates a single play line for
9 a gaming machine receiving the wager.

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11 101. (New) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the wager activates a plurality of play
12 lines for the gaming machine receiving the wager.

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14 102. (New) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of play lines activated by a
15 second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the
16 second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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18 103. (New) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of play lines activated by a
19 second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the
20 second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.